

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

preparing data for display on a display, the data comprising at least one data attribute selected from the group consisting of font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name, time, style name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, size, shape, angular orientation, and position;

modifying the data to form modified data, responsive to a value of the at least one data attribute; and

displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data having reduced legibility but not being illegible to a display user.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method recited in claim 1 and further comprising:

unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and

displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being unblurred legible.

4. (Original) The method recited in claim 3 wherein, in unmodifying, the data is unmodified in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

5. (Original) The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in displaying, the modified data is blurred.

6. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 2 wherein, in modifying, a degree of blur is varied in accordance with the at least one data attribute.

7. (Original) The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in modifying, a degree of blur is varied in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer including a memory to store data and at least one data attribute, and a user interface including a display, the computer executing a computer program comprising the operations of:

preparing data for display on the display;

modifying the data to form modified data, if the at least one data attribute specifies that the data should be modified; and

displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data having reduced legibility but not being illegible to a user of the computer.

9. (Previously Presented) The computer recited in claim 8, wherein, in modifying, the at least one data attribute is selected from the group consisting of font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer recited in claim 8, wherein the computer program further comprises the operations of:

unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and

displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being unblurred legible.

11. (Original) The computer recited in claim 10 wherein, in unmodifying, the computer program comprises the operation of unmodifying the data in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

12. (Original) The computer recited in claim 8 wherein, in displaying, the computer program comprises the operation of blurring the modified data.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer recited in claim 9, wherein the computer program, in the modifying operation, varies a degree of blur in accordance with the at least one data attribute.

14. (Original) The computer recited in claim 12 wherein the computer program, in the modifying operation, varies a degree of blur in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer network including a user device having a memory to store data and at least one data attribute, the user device further having a user interface including a display, and a remote computing device, the computer network executing a computer program residing on the remote computing device comprising the operations of:

preparing data for display on the display;

modifying the data to form modified data, if the at least one data attribute specifies that the data should be modified; and

displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data having reduced legibility but not being illegible to a user of the user device.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer network in claim 15, wherein, in modifying, the at least one data attribute is selected from the group consisting of font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer network recited in claim 15, wherein the computer program further comprises the operations of:

unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and

displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being unblurred legible.

18. (Original) The computer network recited in claim 17 wherein, in unmodifying, the computer program comprises the operation of unmodifying the data in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

19. (Original) The computer network recited in claim 15 wherein, in displaying, the computer program comprises the operation of blurring the modified data.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer network recited in claim 16, wherein the computer program, in the modifying operation, varies a degree of blur in accordance with the at least one data attribute.

21. (Original) The computer network recited in claim 19 wherein the computer program, in the modifying operation, varies a degree of blur in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

22. (Currently Amended) An article comprising a machine-accessible medium having associated instructions, wherein the instructions, when accessed, result in a machine performing:

preparing data for display on a display;

modifying the data to form modified data, if the at least one data attribute specifies that the data should be modified; and

displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data having reduced legibility but not being illegible to a display user.

23. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 22, wherein, in modifying, the at least one data attribute is selected from the group consisting of

font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.

24. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 22, wherein the machine-accessible medium further includes instructions which, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine performing:

unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and

displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being unblurred legible.

25. (Original) The article recited in claim 24 wherein the instructions, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine performing:

in unmodifying, unmodifying the data in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

26. (Original) The article recited in claim 22 wherein the instructions, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine performing:

in displaying, blurring the modified data.

27. (Previously Presented) The article recited in claim 23, wherein the instructions, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine performing:
in modifying, varying a degree of blur in accordance with the at least one data attribute.

28. (Original) The article recited in claim 26, wherein the instructions, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine performing:

in modifying, varying a degree of blur in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

29. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is selected from the group consisting of font size, font type, font color, boldface, italics, and underlining.

30. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is paragraph line spacing.

31. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is selected from the group consisting of page number and page type.

32. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is selected from the group consisting of document name and document type.

33. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is a user name.

34. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is a user location.

35. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is a device name.

36. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is a calendar date.

37. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is a time of day.

38. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is a type of formatting style.

39. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is a data type selected from the group consisting of text data, currency data, and numerical data.

40. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is a text type selected from the group consisting of a keyword and a character string.

41. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is a database field.

42. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is a file name.

43. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one data attribute is a spreadsheet cell.

44. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the data comprises a computer-generated graphical image, and wherein the at least one data attribute is selected from the group consisting of color of the image, size of the image, shape of the image, angular orientation of the image, intensity of the image, and position of the image.

45. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the data comprises a computer-processed pre-existing image, and wherein the at least one data attribute is selected from the group consisting of color of the image, size of the image, shape of the image, angular orientation of the image, intensity of the image, and position of the image.

46. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

preparing data for display on a display;

modifying the data to form modified data, responsive to a value of at least one font attribute selected from the group consisting of font size, font type, boldface, italics, and underlining; and

displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data having reduced legibility
but not being illegible to a display user.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 46 wherein, in displaying, the modified data is blurred.